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## Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

On April 28, CDCR institutions participated in the "2011 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day." For more than 18 years, individuals, families, organizations, and workplaces have joined in the day to expand opportunities and transform the lives of millions of girls and boys. This program encourages girls and boys across the country to dream without gender limitations and to think imaginatively

about their family, work, and community lives. This year's theme was "Invent the Future."

One outstanding example of how the program works took place at Salinas Valley State Prison where staff assigned to the In Service Training Department provided information to the sons and daughters visiting for the day. The visitors were given an overview of the prison's mission and operations and were

provided a demonstration of the activities of the Investigative Services Unit, Institutional Fire Department, and the Crisis Response Team. They were also provided a ride by the transportation bus around the institution. Part of their day was

spent with their parents at their work sites.

This program provides a better understanding of what parents have to accomplish on a daily basis, the importance of their responsibilities and their commitment as public servants.



## Baker to Vegas Run 2011

The 27th Annual Baker to Vegas relay race took place April 16-17. Parole agents, correctional officers, and other members of CDCR participated in this annual race. The 120-mile trek takes place in the Mojave Desert, beginning in Baker, California, and ending short of Las Vegas on Nevada Highway 160. Team 266 was there in force to proudly represent the department.

"The department's participation in this challenging race is a testament to the resilience, teamwork, and competitive nature of our staff—traits that serve the organization well during these difficult times in our state's history," said Robert Ambroselli, Director, Division of Adult Parole Operations. "Our team runners represented and

symbolized through the run that as a department we are competitors by nature. Whether on the tiers or on the streets, CDCR staff faces daily challenges and uncertainties with a positive perspective."



## CDCR Staff Raises more than \$12,000 to Help Associate Warden and Family

On April 15, California Correctional Center (CCC) Associate Warden D. J. Renauld received the news that his nine-year-old son, Caleb, was diagnosed with a tumor in his upper abdomen. The family physician recommended to D.J. and his wife that they expedite the surgery to remove the tumor. Doctors worked closely with St. Jude's Hospital in Tennessee, and at first it was believed Caleb would travel to St. Jude's for his surgery. After hearing about this difficult time for the family, staff at the CCC,

High Desert State Prison, and 18 fire camps rose to the occasion and organized donation cans, raffles, and a bake sale to raise money for travel. Overall, \$12,383 was raised to help the family.

Fortunately, as it turned out, there was no need for Caleb and his family to travel across country. On April 21, Caleb's tumor was successfully removed at the UC Davis Medical Facility in Sacramento and was determined to be non-cancerous. The money raised will go to help pay medical costs. We all wish Caleb a speedy recovery.